

Inter-Agency Work Group for the Implementation of the MT Health Insurance Exchange

Meeting Notes

February 8, 2011

Attendees

Jim Plane (Public Knowledge), Rod Bailey (Public Knowledge), Naomi Snodgrass (Public Knowledge), Sherri Dugan (DPHHS: ITSD), Lynda Snedigar (DPHHS, Medicaid), Karen Wood (HCBBD/DOA), Walter Schweitzer (CSI), Dave VanNice (CSI), Susan Paulson-Davis (CSI), Amanda Eby (CSI), Sibyl Govan (CSI), Christa McClure (CSI)

Members of the Public were also in attendance.

Welcome and Introduction by CSI staff

Introductions of all attendees were provided by CSI staff. An overview of the agenda was provided by CSI staff. The overview included a brief description of the Wisconsin Prototype Demonstration, Review of the top level vision for program integration, IT planning requests and future schedules.

CSI Updates

CSI staff provided an update on the legislative activities to date. Bill activities including the creation of a Montana Health Insurance Exchange, Rate Review and Market Reforms were discussed. CSI staff advised the work group that if a State Exchange was not created by Montanans, the Federal Government would then step in to create and run an Exchange in Montana for us.

Presentation of the Wisconsin Prototype

CSI staff provided an in-depth presentation of the Wisconsin Exchange prototype. Staff walked through the scenario of a single mom going through the exchange. The prototype is a top level view only. There is no "guts" behind it in terms of programming. The prototype guide explains the purpose of the law behind the page of the exchange. An exchange is meant to be a one stop shop; three step process. Upon entering the system, a user account is created, income is verified, privacy protection occurs, if a user is not comfortable there is an option to call a toll free number for assistance. A calculator is provided for assistance to the user. The scenario CSI staff selected in the prototype was that of a single mother. The prototype pre-fills all personal information, allows her to create account, to check on application, make changes or renew. Electronic verification against existing data sources, the IRS and homeland security have been offered up, vital statistics, already existing public programs would be available. It was noted that this was only an example and not meant to represent what Montana will opt to have in the future.

Review Top Level Vision for Program Integration & Round Table Discussions

A. ACA Requirement for Program Integration

CSI staff presented a power point presentation that discussed Integrating Medicaid, CHIP (HMK) and the Exchange. The ACA's continuum of coverage, being consumer friendly and a coordinated effort between the Exchange and Medicaid and CHIP (HMK), creating a simplified process that is technology-enabled was discussed. DPHHS commented that they have been informed by CCS that the IRS, SS and Homeland Security will for sure be part of the Federal HUB that the Exchange will utilize to verify income and citizenship status.

B. HB 124 Language

CSI staff described House Bill 124: An Act Creating a Montana Health Insurance Exchange Authority language as currently written was used to illustrate what an Exchange would look like in Montana.

C. Programs Currently Identified for Integration with the Exchange

CSI staff and attendees discussed and identified programs that could integrate with the Exchange: Medicaid, HMK and DPHHS would also like to see additional public programs that are available for families and children in our state to be included as well.

IT Planning Requests

A. Visioning Session for Program Integration

CSI staff and Public Knowledge staff both reviewed the purpose of the session. Both policy and IT staff from all of the agencies will be encouraged to attend so staff can capture the details of where we are and are not in agreement and to create a plan for future planning. DPHHS staff indicated that it was extremely important the ITSD and DPHHS Policy people be involved in the session

B. Requirements for Subgroups

CSI staff discussed that they have identified the need for at least two subgroups. During the Visioning Session the requirements for the different subgroups will be established. It is initially anticipated that the two groups would be DPHHS and Insure Montana.

Schedule Next General Meeting

The next meeting will be established after the Visioning Session that is for scheduled March 8th at the CSI offices.

Public Comments

CSI staff opened the floor for public comment. Blue Cross staff indicated that their interest in future meeting is to observe the IT framework and learn to adapt to it. With no other comments made the public comment period was closed.

Close Meeting

CSI staff requested the meeting evaluation be completed and thanked everyone in attendance.